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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, On December 5, 2009, legendary radio personality  
3           Herbert Rogers "The Cool Gent" Kent will be inducted into the  
4           Guinness Book of World Records for having the longest career by  
5           a deejay in the history of radio; and

6           WHEREAS, Herb Kent's career in radio began in 1944 at WBEZ  
7           while he was a 16-year-old student at Hyde Park High School;  
8           his career has spanned 65 years at 11 different radio stations  
9           in the Chicagoland area, including 17 years at WVON and 20  
10          years at WVAZ; and

11          WHEREAS, In 1995, Herb Kent was the first African-American  
12          deejay inducted into the Museum of Broadcast Communications'  
13          Radio Hall of Fame; and

14          WHEREAS, Herb Kent still hosts the top-rated music shows in  
15          Chicago on Saturdays from 8:00 A.M. to noon and on Sundays from  
16          noon to 7:00 P.M. on WVAZ/V-103 Radio; and

17          WHEREAS, For the past 5 years, Herb Kent has taught radio  
18          broadcasting to students at Chicago State University; and

19          WHEREAS, Herb Kent has chronicled his amazing life and  
20          career in his best selling autobiography titled "The Cool Gent:

1 The Nine Lives of Radio Legend Herb Kent", with co-author David  
2 Smallwood and a foreword by Chicago Mayor Richard Daley; and

3 WHEREAS, Real Men Cook Charities will honor Herb Kent with  
4 a 65th Radio Anniversary Celebration on December 5, 2009 at the  
5 South Shore Cultural Center, where Guinness representatives  
6 will present him with his World Record; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
9 congratulate Herbert Rogers "The Cool Gent" Kent on the  
10 occasion of being inducted into the Guinness Book of World  
11 Records and wish him continued success and happiness in the  
12 future; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to Herb Kent as a symbol of our esteem and respect.